**State Government: Colorado Constitution Webquest**

Use www.colorado.gov to answer the following questions on your own sheet of paper.

1. The Colorado Constitution sets up the Judicial Department. What is the minimum number of justices in the Colorado Supreme Court?
   1. 5
   2. 7
   3. 9
   4. 11
2. How many years can Supreme Court justices serve?
   1. 5
   2. 8
   3. 10
   4. 12
3. Colorado district courts have original jurisdiction on all of the following EXCEPT
   1. Environmental cases
   2. Probate cases
   3. Civil cases
   4. Criminal cases
4. The Colorado Executive Branch is comprised of what offices? Of these, which is the highest office?
5. How long are terms in the Executive Department, and how many terms may each official of the Executive Branch serve?
6. If the governor vetoes a Colorado bill, a \_\_\_\_ vote will override his veto.
   1. 3/5
   2. 1/2
   3. 3/4
   4. 2/3
7. If the governor is unable to fill his position, it will be taken over by the
   1. Vice governor
   2. Assistant governor
   3. Lieutenant governor
   4. Acting governor
8. The Colorado Legislative Department has a general assembly. What groups make up the general assembly and what is the assembly’s basic function?
9. The people in Colorado have the power of initiative and referendum. Explain these powers.
10. What is the voting process to pass or reject a bill in the Colorado general assembly?
    1. Vocal voting- ayes and noes
    2. Electronic voting
    3. Physical voting- raising of hand or standing
    4. Written voting
11. Click on Article IX: Education. Who is in charge of establishing and maintaining public schools?
    1. Legislative Dept.
    2. Judicial Dept.
    3. Executive Dept.
    4. All Depts.
12. What role does the state government have in aiding religious schools? Explain the reasoning behind this?
13. In Article XVI: Mining, what does Colorado designate as the youngest legal age of a mine worker?
    1. 10
    2. 12
    3. 14
    4. 16
14. Of the three groups listed, what is the hierarchy of priority for water users?
15. If you would like to detonate a nuclear weapon in Colorado, what process must you go through first?
16. Article XXI: Recall from Office sets up the guidelines for the formal process of recall. What is recall and why would voters exercise this power?
17. Article XXVII: Great Outdoors Colorado Program sets forth plans to use funds for this program. Funding for the GOCP comes from
    1. Colorado taxpayers
    2. Colorado court fees
    3. National funds allocated to each state
    4. Colorado lottery
18. List five issues that GOCP funds support.
19. Under Article XXVIII: Campaign and Political Finance, who is required to list their name and employer when making a campaign contribution?
20. Summarize the ethics requirement of giving and receiving gifts if you are part of the Colorado government. Why do you think this is in the Constitution?